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We face disaster in Cup

The ASF is incensed over an attempt by FIFA to exclude the Socceroos from the Asian zone for the 1986 World Cup qualifying campaign.

The ASF's World Cup committee meeting in Sydney discussed the fact that FIFA had indicated that the Oceania winner (presumably Australia or New Zealand) should play either Israel or the 14th European or the 4th South American national team to qualify for the finals in Mexico.

None of their options was acceptable and ASF president Sir Arthur George will fly to Zurich next weekend to thrash out matters with World Cup chairman Hermann Neubauer and the secretariat.

Sir Arthur said that Australia's priorities for the Oceania winner, after discussion with New Zealand's Charles Dempsey, are:

- To pursue all endeavours to remain in the Asia/Oceania zone, which has been the situation for the past three World Cups.

- Failing that, to play off against the fourth team from South America.

- To fight determinedly to keep Israel out of Australia's group, particularly in view of Israel's wish to continue in Europe.

"We understand that the Asians are saying that they are a progressive confederation and receive only two places in the final 24 to cater for 17 nations," Sir Arthur said.

"They had only one representative in the 1983 World Cup finals while Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, China and South Korea are moving ahead in world soccer."

Sir Arthur also said that Australia could even come up against the likes of West Germany if it entered against the last European qualifiers and there was a hat draw to decide Australia's opponent.

He believes that in South America, Australia would have a better chance of success against nations of the calibre of Chile and Peru.

The Australian Federation will move quickly as the positions for Australia and Israel will be determined by FIFA on December 6, with the draw to be announced on the following day.

The Australian World Cup committee chairman, Peter McCann, said that three alternative plans were under review for the Socceroos' home internationals next season.

"These will be discussed with our London promoters West Nally Ltd before the final position is announced," he said.

McCann also said that Les Scheinflug had been reappointed National coach for 1984 on a part-time basis.

He added that there would be more activity with the senior national team and the youth team in 1985, which would lead to a full-time coach being required.

Scheinflug said: "The job we have done is the best of my ability. I am confident of getting results and if not I would ask to resign."

"If we face Israel in the World Cup we will have to be positive. Personally I would rather meet the South Americans than the Europeans, if it came to that."



Les Scheinflug



Now the big one!

Heidelberg player-coach Jim Tansey challenges Sydney Olympic's Terry Patulis in the air at St George Stadium. Olympic won the match 1-0, and on Sunday travels to Melbourne's Olympic Park for the second leg of the National Cup final. Heidelberg is confident. So is Olympic. We look at last weekend's clash and preview the all-important second leg on pages 8 and 9.

John Stevenson going home

Sunshine-George Cross will go into next year's National League without talented midfielder John Stevenson, bought earlier this year from SM-Hellas for \$5,000.

Stevenson and his family are going back to Scotland and are unlikely to return to Australia.

"I was really looking forward to playing with the Cross in the National League but the job situation here has been hard for me. I didn't come to Australia to struggle," said Stevenson.

Stevenson played with English club Coventry City and Scottish club Hearts before joining Sydney City Hakoh in the mid 1970's. He praises his team mates at Sunshine-George and coach Tommy Traynor.

Sunshine Council has allocated \$90,000 to be spent on materials for improvements to George Cross' home ground at Chaplin Reserve and the club will move quickly to bolster its squad for its first NSL season.

Cross has started renovating its clubrooms and work on new terracing will start soon and is expected to be completed before next season.

See you in '84

This is the last issue of "Soccer Action" for 1983.

We'll be back in early 1984 for the Ampol Cup competitions.

And watch for our first "Soccer Action" annual which appears about the same time.

Meanwhile, we wish our readers, our advertisers and our contributors an enjoyable holiday season.

Fawkner or Juventus?

A battle is raging over the remaining vacancy in the southern region of the 1984 National League.

And Sutherland is pushing to overturn the ASF decision to admit Penrith City to the northern region.

Juventus and Fawkner are the two clubs vying for the southern vacancy, although Morwell Falcons also may be in the running.

Fawkner, like Juventus, is an Italian club — and the rest of the league wants an Italian club from Melbourne included to the enlarged league.

Juventus is believed to have been a certainty for the NSL as late as last Saturday, but a decision on the final vacancy was postponed for a week after the ASF expressed concern over a long-term debt carried by Juventus.

And opinion is believed to have been split over whether Juventus or Fawkner should be admitted.

Fawkner president Greg Scipiano and his new committee believe they have more to offer than Juventus because they have an established ground, money in the bank, healthy support from the Italian community, and the promise of a 63-acre complex from Broadmeadows Council.

Juventus is equally as confident about its own assets, and club president Sam Manenti was disappointed on hearing the decision at the weekend.

ASF president Sir Arthur George flies to Melbourne on Friday. He and Sam Papasavas, the NSL chairman, have been empowered to make a final decision on the vacancy, in consultation with other officials.

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He said Juventus was finalising a deal with Brunswick Council to buy 14 acres of land for a new ground which eventually would include a social club, bocce courts and athletic track.

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Sutherland, meanwhile, called a club meeting on Sunday morning after hearing that Penrith, a newly-formed club, had been admitted to the NSL ahead of Sutherland.

For a brief moment after 268 supporters poured into the club, among them local politicians.

They decided to forward to the ASF a resolution motion on the NSL resolution to reject Sutherland's application for NSL entry.

The new clubs admitted to the NSL so far are Croatia Sydney, Croatia Melbourne, Melita Eagles, Sunshine-George Cross, Green Gully Ajax, Blacktown and Penrith.

Mike Walsh at the helm

New NSL club Penrith City features a committee that includes TV star Mike Walsh.

Penrith spokesman John Glynn defended his club's selection as a member of the 1984 NSL.

The club obtained the nod ahead of other leading contenders Sutherland Shire and Manly-Warringah.

Glynn said: "Penrith City was formed to comply with the National Soccer League policy of moving into major development areas."

"Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong all made use of this facility previously."

"Penrith, St Marys and the Lower Blue Mountains provide an entirely separate territory and growth proposition to Blacktown and the Fairfield area, from which both Marconi and Croatia come."

"The fact is that interest in joining the NSL only recently commenced for some clubs, whereas this is the third application we have made."

Penrith City has support from a major sponsor whose name is yet to be announced.

The club receives a deal of assistance from parliamentarians, municipal authorities and local chambers of commerce.

NSW Police and Corrective Services Minister Peter Anderson and Education Minister Ron Mulock strongly supported Penrith's candidature.

The 1984 National League:
AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Sydney Olympic, Sydney City Hakoh, St George Budapest, APIA-Leichhardt, Marconi, Croatia Sydney, Melita Eagles, Blacktown, Penrith City, Wollongong, Canberra, Newcastle KB Ltd.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Preston Makedonia, SM-Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander Footscray J.U.S.T., Croatia Melbourne, Green Gully Ajax, Sunshine-George Cross, West Adelaide Hellas, Adelaide City Juventus, Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, plus either Juventus (Vic) or Fawkner.

Hennessy may coach Croatia

Melbourne Croatia is negotiating with NASL Coach of the Year Terry Hennessy in bid to hire the former UK star player as coach for 1984.

Hennessy coached Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win in Soccer Bowl '83 over Toronto Blizzard recently. His son, Dean, plays with Victorian

Old names are OK

Croatia, Melita Eagles, George Cross and Ajax will retain their traditional names in next year's NSL.

Before last weekend's meeting of the ASF, it had been decided that the traditional names would not appear in fixture lists.

The new clubs coming into the league were hotly opposed to such a possibility.

And now, they are expected to have a district as well as a traditional name (i.e.

Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Crostal - we faced the possibility of having Sydney Olympic, Sydney City and Sydney.

So while the existing NSL clubs won't have their traditional names appearing in the fixtures, the new clubs will.

And any of the existing NSL clubs that want their old names reinstated to the fixtures, will have to make specific application to the ASF.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas tried to move a motion that all clubs be allowed to choose their names as they wish, but ASF president Sir Arthur George refused to put the motion. As it was contrary to existing policy, it would have required a notice of motion, in writing.

State League club Albion Rovers.

As a player, Hennessy captained Wales and was a star at Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Birmingham City in England. He made his international debut for Wales in 1960 against Northern Ireland. He was just 18 years old.

Hennessy became the first defender in English soccer to transfer for more than \$200,000 when he joined Derby from Forest in 1970. He retired from professional football in 1973, playing against Soviet giant Dynamo Moscow in his testimonial match. In all, he played over 400 games in the English Leagues, captaining every club he played for. He was capped 39 times for Wales, captaining the country 20 times.

His coaching career kicked off in 1979 when he was appointed assistant coach to Alan Hinton at Tulsa Roughnecks. When Hinton moved to Seattle in 1980, Hennessy took over as head coach and has now become the longest serving coach in Tulsa's history.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

First under 16 Cup for China

China is expected to host the first World Cup for under-16's in 1985 and Australia will compete in the qualifying rounds.

The Australian under-16's will compete in the Oceania championship in New Zealand next month and have been drawn alongside New Caledonia, Fiji and the Solomon Islands in group one. The other group comprises New Zealand, Taipei, Tahiti and Vanuatu. The top two from each group qualify for the semi-finals.

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Let's get our facts right, Alan's done nothing wrong

SIR. — In the absence of Alan Davidson, who is not at present in Australia to defend himself, I would like to respond to the adverse publicity and mass hysteria published in the daily Melbourne newspapers, created by the present South Melbourne Hellas coach, Mr McKendry, against Alan, who is overseas furthering his soccer career.

Firstly, Alan has abided by his contract up to the last National League game, which was approved by mutual agreement, with the Hellas committee, and signed on April 14, 1983 — some six months prior to his departure. Hence, it was not a sudden departure out of the blue, and Mr McKendry was well aware of Alan's plans.

"The Herald" of October 25, said in Bob Brian's soccer section, that McKendry had stated he asked Alan to postpone his departure for FIVE DAYS to help the club in the National Cup game against Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Sunday, October 30.

In fact, Mr McKendry asked Alan four days prior to his departure to West Germany, to postpone his flight for THREE WEEKS — not five days, as reported — until the National Cup was over. It would be ludicrous in anyone's mind to change flight plans and accommodation which were booked and confirmed some seven weeks previously — and at such short notice!

I quote Mr McKendry: "I am very disappointed with Alan's attitude. He has not gone down."

I ask: Has he not the coach of Hellas and the committee the foresight to have some registered National League players in its second team for circumstances such as suspension, etc, or do they prefer an empty bench?

Quote, Mr McKendry: "Surely he owes his team-mates something after everyone has given 100 per cent all season."

I say: Yes, Mr McKendry, he HAS given 100 per cent. With no disrespect to his team mates — whom he all admires for their great soccer skills — Alan polled equal fourth in the Boral Bricks voting for the National League Player of the Year, besides running his guts out for his club and supporters. Have you forgotten that at your request and against his doctor's advice, he was full of bronchitis. And played a full game in Sydney? And what about the game where he agreed, for the club and supporters, to play with a broken finger? Off with the plaster, tape up the finger, and on completion of the game, back on again with the plaster. You have a short memory, Mr McKendry.

Quote Mr McKendry: "As far as I'm concerned, he won't play for South Melbourne again or kick another ball, not so long as I'm here, anyway."

I say, well, Mr McKendry, you may not be there when Alan comes back either.

Also, Mr McKendry, who is running South Melbourne Hellas — the committee or you? I thought you were employed by the committee instead of dictating to the committee.

In Peter Deira's column in "The Sun" of October 26, Hellas president Mr Anazakis is quoted as saying: "We may have to start looking for a new coach."

I ask, Mr Anazakis, what offence has Alan committed against the club, and what example are you going to set? Is that a threat to put him on the bench? What will the supporters think while Alan is being paid by Hellas to play squash or swim, at which he excels? I ask: in regards to "morals", how many contracts has Hellas broken in sacking coaches and players?

Mr McKendry, I suggest you hop down from your pedestal and enrol for a course of public relations.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Alan's friends, and the many Hellas supporters who wished him well prior to his departure. I am sure he will not forget them.

— Yours, KEITH DAVIDSON,
father of Alan Davidson.

'Davo' deserves better

SIR. — I'm writing to wish Alan Davidson all the best in his search of greener pastures overseas with some of Europe's leading soccer clubs.

I understand his coach, Len McKendry, wasn't too pleased about the sudden departure overseas and actually pleaded with him to stay another week so he could play in the semi-final of the NSL. But the lad is much too bright to fall for that.

Being a distant admirer of Len McKendry, I was somewhat surprised to hear him say that he wouldn't have Davidson back at the club, not while he is the coach, anyway.

Fair enough, Mr McKendry! Perhaps Alan did let the team down, but how would you and South Melbourne Hellas compensate the poor guy had he incurred an injury or indeed broken a leg in that game? Opportunities like having a trial with European teams don't come every day.

One would think after having given many years of service to South Melbourne and the Socceroos, Davidson deserves a lot better. But it seems for his trouble, he's going to be put out of the game for a year should he decide to come back and grace our soccer fields next year.

Well, I hope it doesn't happen and that common sense prevails and that we do welcome Davidson back with open arms, as Australian soccer can't afford to have too many players of Davidson's calibre out of the game.

— BENJAMIN GUYAN
Pitt St, Fawkner

Vassallo beats Hogben

Willie Vassallo officially was named Ajax player of the year at the club's presentation ball in Carlton last Saturday.

Other awards:

Runner-up: David Hogben.

Top scorer: Paul Lewis (31 goals)

Res. best and fairest: Zdravko Krizanic.

Most improved: Fabio Marinelli.

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Sorry Karl, but I'm trying to make a name for myself

Alan Davidson had to turn down a night on the town with Karl-Heinz Rummenigge shortly after joining Bayern Munich for a trial.

"He was too tired to move after the first few training sessions," said his father, Keith Davidson.

Alan told his father by phone from Munich that all

the Bayern players had made him feel "like one of the family."

Most of them can speak English, and they are asking Davidson to tell

them all about Australian life and Australian soccer.

Davidson, the brilliant Socceroo of South Melbourne Hellas, is on a one-month trial with Bayern Munich, and also has a trial lined up with Arsenal in England.

When he arrived for his first training session, he was given a locker, fully equipped with new boots and Adidas gear.

After training, all the players throw their clothes and boots in a heap, and when they return the next day, the gear is back in their lockers, washed and dried.

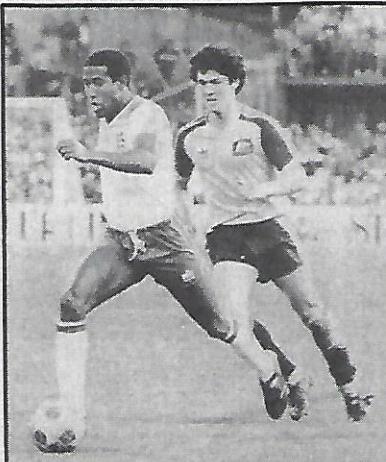
Training is from 10am to noon and again from 3pm to 4.30pm every week day.

"Alan reckons he's about 92 per cent fit, and all the Bayern players are 500 per cent fit and unbelievably sharp," says Keith Davidson.

The assistant coach said to him the other day that it was good to see he can use both feet — so they're starting to notice things about him.

"He played in a friendly match a few days ago, and the German papers are already writing about him.

"He's really bubbling over with enthusiasm."



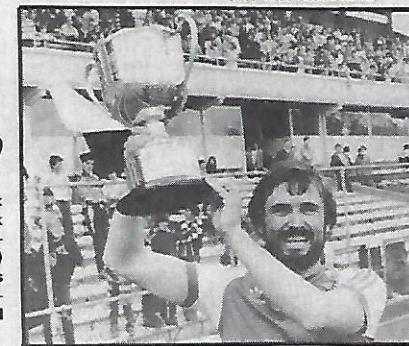
Alan Davidson in action for Australia against John Barnes of England. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Gardiner
in, Paul
Lewis out?

Green Gully Ajax returns from a week in New Caledonia tomorrow (Thursday) and John Gardiner is expected to be officially appointed coach for next year.

Ajax had to postpone a planned challenge match against NSW State League champion Melita Eagles in Sydney. The game was to have been played last weekend. It now will take place next January and Melita will cover Ajax's expenses.

Gardiner was a member of the 24-strong Ajax party which flew out of Melbourne last Thursday and was in charge of the 13 players who played against New Caledonia's



John Gardiner with one of the many trophies he helped win with Croatia.

champion of champions yesterday (Tuesday).

The squad was Lou Denys, Steve Short, Stuart Cannell, Dane Beranic, David Hogben, Gardiner, Jim Williams, David Smallman, Paul Lewis, Kit Grechman, Fabio Mancini, Ron Kremer and reserve team striker Paul Lewis, brother of first team captain Peter Lewis and no relation to his first team namesake.

President Guy Spiteri, treasurer Arnold Langer, vice-president Paul Azzopardi, team manager Mario Borg and seven supporters made up the rest of the touring party.

Other first-teamers Peter Lewis, Peter Boyle, Bobby Toal and Willie Vassallo were unavailable. Lewis was holidaying while Vassallo and Boyle had business commitments. Toal is in England.

"Len McKendry has a high opinion of Paul and if Hellas wants him we won't stand in his way. Naturally, I want Paul to stay with us and if he doesn't join Hellas then I'm very, very confident that he'll be with us next year."

Langer offered the coaching position to Gardiner in New Caledonia and was hoping that the former Rothmans Medal winner and Victorian state team star would accept.

"It's a bit worried if

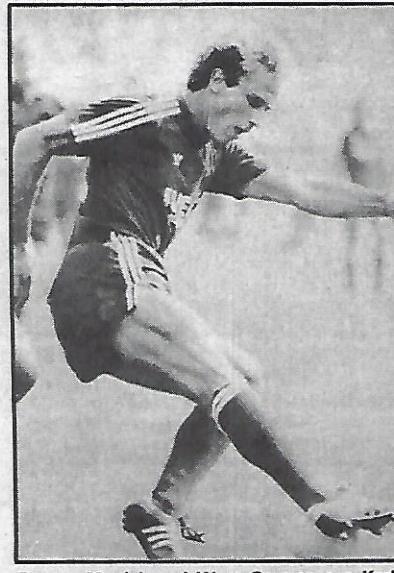
Johnny Gardiner turns me down. All our players respect

Len McKendry and John Gardiner as coaches and in my opinion, they're the only top coaches in Victoria anyway."

Ajax's turnover this year was \$246,000 a figure Langer expects to jump to \$380,000 next year in the NSL.



Willie Vassallo



Bayern Munich and West German ace Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Margaritis
to leave
Juventus?

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

Juventus of Melbourne has less than a 50-50 chance of retaining John Margaritis as coach for next year.

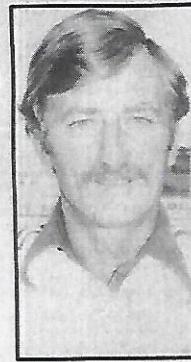
Margaritis has had approaches from other clubs. He's heard nothing official from Sydney Olympic but he's well aware of rumors linking him with the coaching position at the Greek backed club next season.

"I've had talks with Juventus officials but nothing has been resolved. I want a couple of weeks rest before deciding my future but when I finally decide what I'm going to do the money situation at Juventus will have a lot to do with my decision," said Margaritis.

"If a better offer than the Juventus one comes along and I think that I will have more chance of success with another club then I'll seriously consider switching."

Margaritis took over this season as Juventus coach and guided the club to a third place finish in State League.

Juventus, which won admission to the 1984 NSL weekend, must be prepared to spend between \$80,000 and \$90,000 to sign five new players if it aims



John Margaritis
to be successful next season, according to Margaritis.

"Graham French may be leaving us and we would definitely need to replace him," said Margaritis.

"Graham spoke to me recently and told me that he had some problems getting to train because he lives so far away. He indicated to me that he may not be able to play with us in the National League."

"We need at least four and probably five new players for next year. At least two of these players must have NSL experience. There are some top class players on the transfer market right now, players like Phil O'Connor and Ray Cottan from Wellington and George Christopoulos from Canberra. It's players of that quality that we must look at."

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Adelaide City sweeper Neil Banfield could win the NSL under-21 player of the year award even though he's back in England.



Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg)

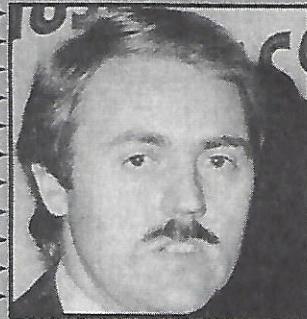


Wollongong's Phil O'Connor (foreground) challenged by Lions' John Stewart. O'Connor, already has won Boral Bricks' award. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Another chance for Yankos, Odzakov



Makedonia's Zarko Odzakov (right) chases Canberra's Gary Byrne.



Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton.



Referee Don Campbell

David Ratcliffe

Frank Arok



Referee Chris Bambridge "sends off" coach Eddie Thomson. Both are vying for awards. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



Joe Watson (Sydney City)



APIA's Paul Carter (right) and Brisbane Lions' Danny Wright are in the running for the under-21 award. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

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THE OUTLAWS

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Permanency the key to Ian Stirton's future

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

The Immigration Department will decide the future of 20 year old Doveton striker Ian Stirton.

The talented Stirton is due to leave Australia and return to his native Scotland on November 30 and he's hoping that he'll be granted permanent residence by then.

"I don't fancy being a temporary visa player here any longer. Not with the new rules the Immigration is bringing in. From next season I'll have to keep going back and forward to Scotland if I'm still on a visa which doesn't give me a great deal of security as a player," said Stirton.

"It's taken me a bit of time to settle here but if my per-

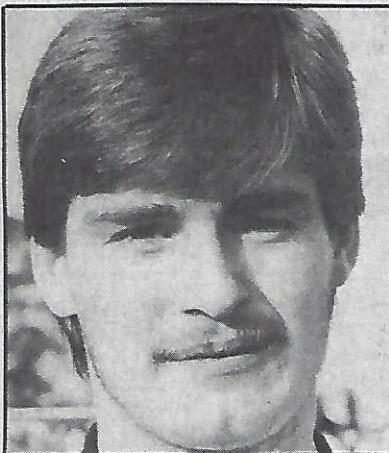
manent comes through before I go back home, it will make all the difference in the world."

Stirton and his fiancee Jackie Boyd, are going back to Scotland to get married. She too is a Scot.

Stirton scored 10 goals in the last seven games of the 1982 season for Doveton. He joined the Waratah Reserve club in July last year.

"I've been disappointed with this season. You've got to score goals, that's what you're there for but we've struggled for most of the season."

Stirton scored just six goals in State League this year, finishing equal top scorer for Doveton along with Stan Webster and John Dowie. Nevertheless, he's young and he can score goals. And he spent two seasons as a full time profes-



Doveton striker Ian Stirton

sional with Glasgow Rangers from 1979 to 1981.

Stirton spent just two months with Clydeville Strollers in 1979 before joining Rangers. At Strollers, Stirton played alongside current Doveton team mate Graham Watson, another former Rangers' player.

Stirton's first season at Ibrox was spent mainly on the bench for the reserves. He scored five goals that season. The 1980-81 season was a difficult affair. Although Stirton missed a few games, he scored 20 goals in the reserves, one

behind leading reserve team scorer Dougie Robertson. Two of those goals came against Motherwell. Stirton was on the bench and only came on with 10 minutes left!

"When it came time for me to sign a new contract with Rangers, the manager then, Jim Greig told me that he had enough players to cover my position up front and that it was in my interests if I moved on. Greig was nice enough about the whole thing but I was disappointed at not being given at least another season to prove myself. I'd scored five goals in my first season there and 20 in my second. I thought that I deserved another season at least."

Stirton was freed by Rangers, trials with Partick Thistle, St. Mirren and Falkirk followed but nothing came of them.

"Thistle told me that they were interested and they'd get in touch with me. I'm still waiting for that phone call."

Stirton joined Renfrew Juniors and played there for about six months before signing with Doveton last season.

His contract with the Doves is up and it's unlikely, even if his permanency comes through shortly, that he'll stay with the club.

The question arises: why should these few get away with it? I feel the basic problem is that, strange as it may sound, coaches are the only participants in Australian soccer who are not bound by rules and regulations, do not have an active and recognised association and are not affiliated with the governing body of soccer. One could say that coaches operate outside the "establishment", and one should not be surprised if the unscrupulous behave like outlaws.

Let us briefly analyse the situation. Federations, Associations and clubs are bound by constitutions, relevant local laws and legislations, and are inter-linked under the inter and national umbrella of F.I.F.A. Players are registered and contracted according to local and international regulations. Referees belong to an association, are registered, graded and their performances supervised by inspectors.

Our coaches on the other hand, operate purely on private arrangements with the employing clubs, without uniformity or set standards.

I have always felt, that this is a weakness in our setup, and hoped that the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation eventually would fill this void and be recognised by the various State federations and the A.S.F.

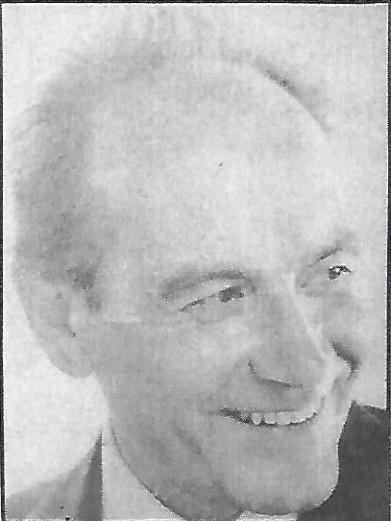
With official recognition, it would be possible to make it compulsory for coaches to be members, graded according to experience and expertise abode by rules relating to ethical behaviour and have their contracts officially recognised by the soccer federations (just like players' contracts).

Unfortunately, these ideas were wiped aside, and in fact the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation has been disbanded rather than recognised.

Perhaps officials were either ignorant of the problem or perhaps had the misguided idea that a strong coaches federation would act as a collective union and eventually move into the arena of soccer politics.

No doubt some were also swayed by the rather academic argument that under the national coaching scheme, all coaches would be educated the right way, and through superior knowledge automatically would elevate themselves to a pedestal, admired by all and sundry, and due to this exalted status, form a voluntary bond based on common aims and undoubted virtue.

I doubt that coaching courses would affect all participants the desired way, and in any case, as it is not compulsory, not all coaches attend.



Ken Kontra is a former Victorian state team coach and director of coaching for the now defunct Victorian Coaches Association. At club level, he has coached Croydon, Slavia, Melbourne and St Albans.

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Those who participate benefit greatly without a doubt, and coaching qualifications do have increasing recognition and certainly add to the status of the coach as an individual. However, there is no underpinning, no protection for either party (coach or club) beyond individual arrangements.

Coaching qualifications do not necessarily make a good coach, and membership of a profession body does not guarantee excellence, but an organised structure would provide a vehicle for tackling problems on a uniform and continuous basis, thus providing stability and enhancing the standing of its members generally.

Regardless of how the coaches are organised, it will always remain the prerogative of clubs to hire and employ coaches as they wish. After all they pay the wages. Neither should membership of a coaches federation prevent competition for jobs. Doctors, lawyers, accountants etc compete with each other, although they are members of their respective associations. However, they have to play the game according to set rules, and those who do not, suffer the consequences!

In my view, the real measure of a coach is how he performs over a period of time, as even in the best organised clubs, it is almost inevitable that various problems will arise and how well a coach copes with these and balances performance in the long run is what I would look for.

Clubs should realise this, and instead of reaching for the always available short term mages, they should give their coach reasonable time to prove himself.

Unfortunately, as things are, there are many con men among coaches and many gullible clubs. These con men are usually hovering around wealthy, ambitious clubs, like over at the right time, "ace up" instant success and move on.

Con men, of course never stay on. They disappear before they are found out, and look for the next victim. Paradoxically, these types usually con the press as well and ensure their next job through good write-ups and favourable comments in the media.

As they say, "it takes two to tango" and clubs that encourage and are party to unethical behaviour are equally to blame, but I feel that if the coaches were organised in a recognised, professional association, most con men and operators would be eliminated and as a result clubs would show more respect towards the coach they employ and the coaching fraternity in general.

Real to Gijon

Laurie Cunningham, the former West Bromwich Albion and England striker who joined Real Madrid in 1979 for nearly \$2 million, has been loaned out for the season to lesser known Spanish club Gijon. And Cunningham has recovered his scoring touch after a bad spell and injury with Real.

CARUSO ON TRAIL OF 400 LOST MEMBERS

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

Charlie Caruso, the Adelaide City Juventus president, is back at the club's helm as he was when he led Juventus into the national league in 1977.

The 1977 season was very successful for Adelaide City People were coming to the games because national League was something new for them and the team was performing well. Another big factor which helped us then was Dixie Deans who really entertained the crowds," Caruso said this week.

Caruso says Juventus slumped in 1978 but managed to lift itself up in 1979, with the arrival of Rale Basic as coach.

"The team improved and Basic revived interest in the club. Suddenly everyone wanted to join Adelaide City," Caruso says.

Asked if the club had lost its supporters because it dropped the name Juventus in the NSL competition, Caruso replied:

"Adelaide City always has been known as Juventus Sports and Social Club. It made no difference to the people under which name we competed in the NSL. I think that the fall in the gates during the 1978 season was because the club performed poorly. Edmund Kraft was the coach then and he brought over expensive guest players like McCluskey and Jim Mur who took the places of established locals. Our people expected stars equal to Dixie Deans but were disappointed when they did not come up to expectations. That is why I opposed the signing of guest players."

Caruso believes in his local youngsters and he would like to see them get chances. There will be a special coaching program at the club to bring the promising players together and make decisions about any changes that may be needed to the playing squad. He is not in favor of bringing overseas players, as he believes that local players are of equal talent if not better.

"My two major concerns are the financial situation at the club and most importantly the team. We have \$100,000 from the major sponsors, Boral Bricks and Adelaide Pest Control. However my first step is to get back the 400 members the club has lost over the past three years."

The elected board is — President: Charlie Caruso; vice-president: Remo Russo, sports director: Bob D'Otta; secretary: Ermilio Fantasia, treasurer: Amerigo Fantasio; junior director: Peter Marafioti; special projects: John DePinto; promotions: Gianni Pezzano; commercial: Angela Salomone; assistant secretary: Ennio Centofanti; sports committee: Chic Caudo, Tom Crawford, Charlie Scazi, Miki Bini, Emilio Polici; social committee: Libero Ianiello, Rico Colangelo, Frank Andriani, Mario Codde, Tony Corolla.



Charlie Caruso (left) with national coach Les Scheinflug, former coach of Adelaide City

MEN

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 18 to 25 OCTOBER, 1984.

This is the second year of this annual tournament to which teams from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia are invited. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating in 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

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The second year of this tournament. In 1982 there was 1 team from N.S.W. In 1983 3 from N.S.W. and 1 from Victoria. In its third year teams are expected from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Package costs from Sydney \$560, Brisbane \$590. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating by 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

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Knox official Tony Kennedy (right) accepting the Medibank Private trophy which will go to the winning nation. Medibank Private's Regional Manager, Brian Driscoll is at left.



Morwell star Noel Mitten — he'll play for Ireland.



Australian team mascot, John Kennedy, 7.



Steve Blair (left) — in the Australian team.

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World Cup kicks off at Knox

Stefan Mila, Zoran Ilioski, Charlie Yankos, Jimmy Rooney, Steve Blair, Noel Mitten and the Roodhouse brothers of Box Hill are some of the top-line players who will compete in the "World Cup" tournament at Knoxfield from November 12 to December 4.

The tournament will be contested by 16 "countries," made up of players born in those countries, or whose parents were born there.

Yugoslavia features, Mirko Rujevic, now with Richmond, previously starred with J.U.S.T. and Victoria.

Zoran Ilioski, former J.U.S.T. captain, transferred to Macedon for \$20,000 early this year.

Dragan Milisavljevic, former Socceroo goalkeeper, now with Richmond Utd Serbia.

Mirko Kupinic, formerly of J.U.S.T., former player-coach of Richmond.

Igor Hazabent, captain of J.U.S.T.

HUNGARY'S players include Joe Szabe and Steve Bleskany, both former Victorian representatives, now with Hawksburn.

IRELAND will feature Scott Patterson (Heidelberg-Alexander) and Noel Mitten (Morwell Falcons).

Stefan Mila, the 1983 Victorian Rothmans Medalist, will play for Poland, while SCOTLAND features Jimmy Rooney (even though he played 100 games for Australia) and Knox City star Duncan Smith.

Nick van Egmond, the former Wilhelmina, Mornington and Nunawading player-coach and State team goalkeeper, plus Heidelberg's Mike Petersen will play for HOLLAND.

ENGLAND has a strong squad that includes: Peter Blasby (Croatia), Gary Clayton, Tony Harry (Juventus), John Higham (Morwell Falcons), Steve Moon (Northcote), Alan Williams (Ajin, Mick McGurkin, George Cross), Keith Adams (Croatia), Eric Leesel (Knox), Geoff Edwards (Richmond), John Cullen (Frankston Pines), Dave Griffiths (Thomastown), John Bird (Melbourne), Bill Brindle (Coburg) and Greg House (Knox).

SCOTLAND includes: John Gardiner (Hamlyn Rangers), Gus Macleod (Croydon), Don Macleod (Heidelberg), Frank Macleod (Albion Rovers), Dennis Boland (J.U.S.T.), Joe Sweeney (Croydon), Dave Nelson, Rob Nelson (North Dandenong), Jimmy Rooney (Croydon), Norrie Pate (George Cross), Tom Fitzpatrick (Knox) and Steve Marley (Croydon).

Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) and Steve Blair (Hellas) will play at least one game each for Australia. The other Australia team members include Ian and Alan Roodhouse, Kyle Patterson (Box Hill), Mike Valentine (Heidelberg) and Knox City's 1983 best and fairest player, Mike Bissinger.

Channel 0/28 soccer commentator Les Murray will fly down from Sydney to present the trophies after the final on December 4. He'll be picked up at the airport by a Rolls Royce supplied by Club Masters.

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All enquiries should be directed to: — Terry Jones 51 8641 (B.H.) 878 6051 (A.H.) or Jerry Ooykaas 792 2087 (B.H.) 704 6696 (A.H.)



Player-coach Ian Sweeney was born in Gateshead in England and came to Australia in 1969. Before joining Berwick City in 1980 he played with Doveton, now in the Victorian State League.

BERWICK CITY

Berwick City, in Division Two of the Victorian Provisional Leagues, has received local council approval for new clubrooms and expects work to start shortly. These clubrooms may provide this progressive club with a springboard for success.

Berwick finished a creditable 7th in the league this year and the reserves reached the semi-finals of the Provisional Leagues Reserve Cup.

Leading first team goalscorer was M. Bright with eight goals. Ian Sweeney, Berwick's player-coach, was next with seven goals, followed by J. McLelland with five, M. Bradshaw with three and T. Jones with two. Other goalscorers, with one each, were: M. Hogg, B. Healey, R. King, P. Byrne, G. Beesley, S. Packer and A. McLelland.

Berwick City's first team. Back row: G. Beesley, S. Packer, M. Jones, I. Sweeney (coach), M. Bright, S. Petrovich, P. Byrne, J. Curtiss. Front Row: T. Jones, E. Fuller, B. Frampton, M. Bradshaw, J. McLelland, M. Curtiss.



The under-8 squad pictured with team manager Lynda Xerri and coach Joe Xerri. The squad is: Glen Davidson, Wayne Staniforth, Steve Xerri, Matthew Thomson, Mark Stevens, Royce Burns, Stephen Baker, Brett Hore, Bradley Nicholls, David Drodge, Paul Mammarella, Wesley Loomes.

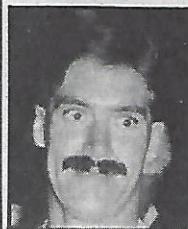


The under-10A squad pictured with assistant coach Chris Ireland (left) and coach Ernie Wright. The squad is: Evan Barbaressos, Dale Barnes, Scott Baker, Stuart Dickie, Craig Ireland, Haydn Loomes, Stuart Palwizat, Shaun McGrath, Simon Moody, Paul Wright, David Van Duyl, Matthew Baird, Cameron Taylor. The team manager, not pictured, is Mick McGrath.

The under-13's with coach Barry Jackson. The squad is: Stephen Bell, Graeme Burke, Ricky Clark, Jason Cooper, Clinton Dunkley, Lee Frampton, Michael Heerman, Dale Ireland, David Jackson, Christopher Marinelli, Martin Molony, Simon Nasti, Neil Poulton, Darren Staniforth.



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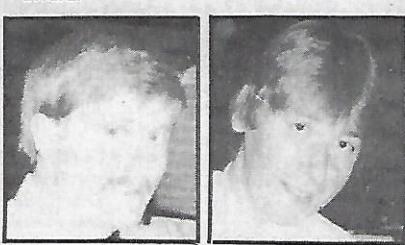
Joe McLelland

Joe McLelland was named Berwick City's first team Player of the Year at the club's recent annual presentation night.

Stan Packer was runner-up.

Committeeman Gerry Ooykaas, an outfield player turned goalie, won the reserve team Player of the Year award. Peter Byrne was runner-up.

John Haddock was voted Berwick's Most Improved Player for 1983 and Ken Barnes won the Clubman of the Year award.



Gerry Ooykaas

Stan Packer

John Haddock



The under-9's pictured with team manager Don Bell (left) and coach Brian Healey. The team lost just two games this season, scoring 103 goals and conceding just seven. The squad is: Hayden James, Russell Pearson, Jimmy Ross, Jason Mitta, Mark Hall, Raith Corless, Aaron Healey, Jalyon Maggs, Paul Hennessy, Scott Barton, Shayne Barnes, Adam Koher, Scott Bell, Matthew Smith, Damian King, Mark Sutherland.

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The home-and-away format for the National Cup final has its good and its bad points, but personally, I'd prefer a one-off final, as is the case with the English FA Cup.

I feel a two-legged final loses a bit of impact, although I guess it's fairer for both teams and it cashes in on both sets of supporters.

Heidelberg isn't an easy opponent by any means, but I'm glad we're playing against Heidelberg rather than Hellas, because Hellas always has been a problem for us.

On the other hand, we've managed to beat Heidelberg a few times over the years, so we feel a bit better psychologically than we would against Hellas.

The Heidelberg players have been pretty confident lately because of their recent string of successes, so we'll be in for another tough match in the second leg at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Don't forget though, that we beat Heidelberg convincingly, 3-0 early in the year.

Although Heidelberg won the return game, 4-1, we weren't by any means overawed that day and, in fact, we had much of the play.

Some of the duels to watch on Sunday are:

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Marshall Soper v. Don Macleod: two of the hard men of Australian soccer.

Gary Cole v. Mike Coady: the all-time top scorer of the NSL against Coady, the former Sunderland player.

Gary Phillips v. Scott

Patterson: Phillips, a good battler, has been tried at right back a few times, and if he plays there again, he'll meet one of the up-and-coming forwards of the NSL.

Peter Raskopoulos is fit again after injury, but it

remains to be seen whether our coach, Manfred Schaefer uses him in this match.

Anyway, it should be a hell of a battle and I'm sure the crowd will get their money's worth.

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The Socceroos, preparing for their defence of the Merlin Cup in Singapore next month, had their first training session in Sydney last week, without the Heidelberg players who stayed in Melbourne.

We're drawn in a tough group against China, Saudi Arabia and Thailand, but I reckon we'll finish among the top two and then advance to the semi-finals.

Sharpness and stamina will be the telling factors in Singapore.

If we can prepare ourselves along these lines, we've got a good chance of holding the Cup, which we won last year.

These games will be totally different to those we played against England

in June, because the humid conditions drag energy out of you. You get tired just walking around, so we'll have to be super fit.

The Asian teams are very sharp and mobile, and their players rely more on speed and skill than strength.

You've got to be ready to counter those qualities. They'll run rings around you if you're not prepared to chase them.

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As this is "Soccer Action's" last edition of 1983, I wish all soccer fans a merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday. See you in Kat's Corner in early February, in time for the Ampol Cup.



England's Trevor Cheery (right) and Jimmy Rooney with a couple of koalas.

Can Croydon win the race to sign Rooney as coach?

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

The Dilworth-supported Marshall challenged Cooper as secretary and won.

We understand that when the Rothmans invites were sent to Croydon, president Cubit approached Dilworth who declined to accept on of the tickets. Dilworth reportedly wanted to hold a training session on the Thursday night of the Rothmans as Croydon was due to meet Green Gully Ajax in a Dockerty Cup quarter-final three days later.

Dilworth wanted Marshall to take his place at the Rothmans. Then secretary Cooper said no. He told Dilworth that the board of management would decide who should use the spare ticket. The board selected assistant coach Steve McCombe.

McCombe phone Dilworth before the Rothmans and found out that Dilworth had changed his mind and now wanted to accept his invite. Cooper stood firm on the board's decision and told Dilworth that McCombe was going to the Rothmans, and that was the end of the matter.

If Dilworth surprises by being re-appointed, he reckons that the club's present playing staff would be good enough to win the State League championship near year but he would like to top off the quality and strength of the squad by signing three new players.

"We're not recognising a keeper, to play behind Ian Doherty. Steve Marlowe does well in the job but really he's best suited to the right back spot. We also need another midfielders and another striker, preferably someone who can play out wide on the right up front. Steve Irvine was bought for that role from Devonport this year but as the season progressed, I've become convinced that Stevie is best suited to a midfield position, coming forward from deep."

NSL IN FACTS AND FIGURES

Why did the Saints clinch the 1983 title, the tightest on record?

Of course, the answer is simple: they collected more points than all the others. But how?

The decisive factor in their favor was their excellent record in away matches: 25 points for seven wins and four draws (the same as South Melbourne Hellas).

St. George won eight points more than Sydney Hakoah away — the same Hakoah which, almost traditionally, is our best "away" team.

Hakoah was by far the most successful team in home matches, ahead of Makedonia, winning seven points more than the Saints.

And that left, in the end, that crucial one-point margin between them.

Unless we have overlooked something in our records, 39 penalties were converted during the season.

Interestingly enough, 27 favored the home team and only 12 the guests.

Even more interestingly: Canberra converted five penalties — all at home — while Makedonia had four such awards at home and one away. I know referees claim to be beyond crowd influences, local patriotism and all that — but it's still a bit odd, especially if you also include Adelaide Juventus which scored three goals from penalties — all in Adelaide.

Another thing in St George's favor over Hakoah was its brilliant record in Melbourne.

In the 10 games there met St. George 10 points, three wins and a draw — against Hakoah's four straight defeats.

St. George also did better than Hakoah in Brisbane (6 pts v. 4 pts) — but fare worse in Adelaide (0 v. 2) and in the three "provincial" cities (5 v. 6).

The main difference between Makedonia and SMHellas, the other two title hopefuls, boiled down to goals.

Makedonia was superior in home matches while Hellas did correspondingly better in away games.

Hellas won 9 points in Melbourne as visitors — and five in Sydney whereas Makedonia collected only 4 and 2 respectively.

Hellas tops the list of teams with the greatest number of odd-goal wins — 10 — followed by St George and Makedonia 8 each.

On the other hand, the Saints lost four games by the odd goal, Hakoah 2, Makedonia and Hellas 3.

What would have been the final order if a win had been two points, instead of three?

The first six would have been exactly the same. Mar-

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our would have finished 7th. Olympic 8th and APIA 9th. Footscray T.U.S.T. would have come 11th and Adelaide Juniors 12th.

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The biggest home wins of the season were APIA's 7-2 over Lions and Canberra's 6-1, also over Lions.

But there were some big home defeats, too — and to the tune of 0-4: Makedonia to Hellas, J.U.S.T. to Marconi and Lions to Adelaide.

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Finally, the all-time NSL standings.

Sydney Hakoah still leads

the parade on 269 points — well ahead of Heidelberg (226), Marconi (219) and SMHellas (211). Here, for posterity computing the 1983 points for wins as two, not three.

The order then is, with previous rankings in brackets: 5 Adelaide Juniors (5), 6 Lions (6), 7 Newcastle (8), 8 West Adelaide Hellas (8), 9 Brisbane City (7), 10 Footscray J.U.S.T. (10), 11 St. George (13), 12 Canberra (11), 13 Olympic (12), 14 APIA (14).

15 Makedonia (16), Wollongong (15), 17 Western Suburbs, 18 Blacktown and 19 Mooroolbark.

Newcastle, which has played only 163 games (didn't start until 1978), already has overtaken the other pretenders, J.U.S.T. and Canberra, while the Saints, with 164 matches (relegated in 1981), have edged ahead of Canberra and are one point behind J.U.S.T. and 8 points behind West Adelaide Hellas and Brisbane City.

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Likely teams for Sunday's match:

EIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

1. OLVER	10. YANKOS	5. MACLEOD	3. TANSEY
2. MCKIE	7. SELEMIDIS	8. CAMPBELL	6. VALENTINE
16. COLE	19. LEA	9. PATTERSON	

John Spanos and Ian McKie had injuries as we went to press. If Spanos recovers, he may take Tansey's position at left back.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

1. MEIER	4. DAKOS	3. COADY	5. JENNINGS
2. HERBERT	7. PHILLIPS	11. PATALIS	10. KATHOLOS
9. SOPER	6. KOUSSAS		

Martyn Rogers and Peter Raskopoulos are fit again after injuries and at least one could be included. Olympic shirt numbers are not confirmed.

TANDING, SUPER TALIS WINS IT

at Derek Lea, and Soper had the better of Don McLeod.

What's more, Coady, Ricky Herbert — who was lucky not to score — and Tony Dakos also found no joy in Olympic's attacks.

But the one thing that augers well for Heidelberg is that there was more discipline within Heidelberg's team structure, whereas Olympic's game was one of improvisation.

The match, controlled brilliantly by referee Bosko, started with Soper crashing to the ground in a clash with Yankos, and then fouling McKie with a late tackle. After 15 minutes, Bosko showed the yellow card to both Soper and Yankos, and although Olympic was having more of the play, Patterson came close with a shot that was flected, after Yankos had sent a low shot into the penalty area.

Yankos came to Heidelberg's rescue by flying from Super right on the goal line, to break up attacking involvement Phillips and Herbert, but Heidelberg also managed an attack via Cole, Jim Campbell, Valentine and Lea whose shot was too deep.

Their first clear chance, however, came in the 30th minute and it fell to Campbell. Patterson had bobbled past Herbert brilliantly and sent the ball to the area for Campbell who miskicked.

Lea headed too high from a cross by Cole, and the other end, Oliver, tested for the first time, 5-0 over Kalantzas and threw himself onto the ball, which had bounded over the head of Tansey. A bad back-pass by McKie sent Katholos on a through the middle, but Macleod stopped the Olympic midfielder with a powerful tackle. When Tansey mimed a similar tackle on Patalis a few moments later, the Olympic players appealed for penalty — but in vain!

Then a short, Herbert — sizzling drive that hit the crossbar and bounced back to give Kalantzas a chance, but defenders got in the way. "O-L-Y-M-P-I-C" the fans chanted. The sweet end of victory was in the air.

Oliver was the biggest hurdle.

He reacted well to catch a header from Soper after a Katholos cross, and in the 40th minute, he deflected it against the bottom of the post. That attack was started by Soper, who skipped past a tackle from Yankos and slipped a neat pass inside to Katholos. Oliver's deflection gave Olympic a corner, and when the ball dropped into the penalty area, Tony Dakos, the sweeper, took a swipe at it. Only to see it bounce off the post again!

Heidelberg substitute Joe Angele started warming up 10 minutes before half time, but he was not yet a run.

Tansey's half-time plan was to play it safe, to avoid gaps in the midfield or the defence.

But Olympic stormed forward again in the 54th minute, and it was Tansey himself who made a desperate save with his chest, on the goal line, to deny Patalis a goal.

Campbell was presented with another golden chance two minutes later, at the other end of the ground. It was Lea who put him through, and Campbell ran unchallenged into the box, only to shoot badly and see Gary Meier make a simple save.

Patalis found himself unmarked inside the area after a free kick from Katholos had come off his head, and even Oliver was helpless against the powerful shot.

But Oliver was determined not to concede another.

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Soper finally came off, and was rewarded by a big hand from the supporters, and as the final whistle blew, Olympic president Jim Petinelli announced that the club would clinch a major sponsorship deal on Wednesday (today).

Tansey waits on Spanos, McKie

Win, lose or draw on Sunday, Jim Tansey won't be coaching Heidelberg at about 5 pm and he's open to offers, even from Heidelberg.

"I honestly can't tell you anything about next year. The club and I haven't sat down and had a serious talk about the coaching position and for all I know they may want to appoint someone else for 1984," said Tansey.

"I'm open to offers. I've got a maximum on my head and I want to do anyone."

Tansey though still has five days to go as Heidelberg coach and his immediate worry is the fitness of Ian McKie and John Spanos.

"Ian took a bad knock just before half time against Olympic last weekend and I won't know until later this week whether or not he'll be able to play this Sunday. The same

goes for John who still is battling to throw off injury."

"We can still win the cup. We've only got to score once and then it's back to square one. Okay, I know we didn't play well last Sunday but we could have gone up there and turned it on and still got beaten 1-0. Then we would have come away wondering what we had to do to get a result. As it was, we played badly and could have got hammed but we only lost 1-0."

"At Olympic Park and with the support behind us, we'll play a lot better, I assure you. The big thing last weekend was that we didn't have an iron man in midfield and Heidelberg needs that. I've got to give Jim Patikas and Peter Katholos of Olympic credit for the way they got stuck in. They wanted to win more than our lads."

"We struggled in most areas and we didn't get the ball forward quickly enough. There always seemed to be a big gap between the midfield and the minnows and we'll have to get midfielders forward much more often on Sunday."

One of the positive features of Heidelberg's otherwise disappointing effort last weekend was the display of goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

"I'm absolutely over the moon with Jeff. He's taken so much stick from the supporters this year and it's great to see the way he's fought back. There honestly was a question mark hanging over his head a couple of months ago and I told him to face. Over the last month however, he's been nothing short of fabulous. It's the best I've ever seen him play."

"It's a bit late now to introduce new things to the lads in the last week of the season. We'll just work on the things we've been working on and I'm confident that we'll perform much better this weekend."

Tansey laughed when I suggested that he adopt the revolutionary and to date inexplicable Rudi Gullendorf spirit system but there's no doubt that he'll have a few surprises up his sleeve for rival coach Manfred Schafer this weekend.

Tansey was supposed to attend Monash University to learn how to coach last weekend, but he had to put it off because he was in Sydney with Patalis.

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Tansey still is angry over remarks made by McKendry after last semi-final.

Hellas had been all class in that game, and Heidelberg had done little apart from capitalising on its chances. McKendry was quoted as saying:

"It's a shame to say a man I had respect for saying things like that," Tansey comments. "I wonder what game he was watching."

Tansey said the Heidelberg

players now were enjoying their game as lot more than they did when McKendry was their coach.

"We became stereotyped during that time and when other teams had us worked out, we had nothing new to offer."

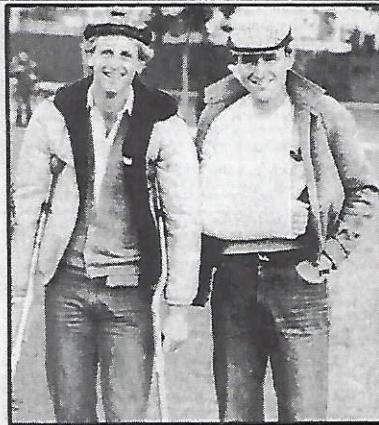
"At the end it became a verbal slanging match between coach and players."

"But there was no malice in Tansey's voice."

He's not like that.

In fact, it's Tansey's bright, breezy manner, and his irrepressible sense of humor that are his most enduring qualities.

A national team tour of China in 1979, during a visit to a historic tomb site, a guide



Olympic fans can stop rejoicing and Heidelberg fans have nothing to fear. This is a flashback to earlier this year when Jim Tansey (right) and Gary Cole were recovering from serious injury.



Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver, showing some of the fine form which thwarted Olympic time and again last Sunday. At left is Heidelberg and Socceroo sweeper Charlie Yankos.

explained that this member of the Chinese aristocracy had been dug up after 800 years.

"Was his Timex still working?" Tansey piped up.

And when he took over as Heidelberg coach, he confided in diminutive full back Ian McLeod.

"Listen, Ian, today you're up against this winger who's 6ft 6ins... does 100 yards in eight seconds, and has unbelievable ball control, but don't worry — he's rubbish in the air."

Tansey's personality has been transplanted into the players' general attitude and in their approach to their game.

Tansey's attitude to

matches is simply to concentrate on his own strengths and not worry at all about adapting his game according to the opposition.

So it will be against Sydney Olympic in the second leg of the National Cup final at Olympic Park on Sunday.

He believes the midfield of Peter Katholos, Jim Patikas and Gary Phillips is Olympic's strongest department, but he's confident that Jim Campbell, Jeff Olver, Peter Soper and Valentine will control them this time.

Tansey, 30 last August, came to Australia at the age of 20 to join St Kilda.

He spent the previous five years with South Liverpool and reckons that it was during a trial with the mighty Liverpool that his hair started to fall out.

"When I went down there, Liverpool had big stars like Kevin Keegan, Phil Neal, Tommy Smith and Ray Clemence. In their company, I was so nervous my knees were shaking."

"Bill Shankly, the manager,

gave me that immortal line, 'Don't call us, we'll call you.'

As for victory in the Cup, Tansey jokes it's as easy as breaking a leg.

Not so funny, really, for his career almost was ended by two serious injuries.

In June 1981, he had an operation to reconstruct his left knee. "I use my right leg only for standing on."

That kept him out for 10 months, and early this year, he was sidelined for three months by a broken arm.

"Somebody up there's got to like me," he jokes. "And after going through all that, there's no way I'm going to miss out on the Cup."

Tansey's success in soccer — he won the 1976 Rothmans Medal with Slavia and played 42 games for Australia — is hardly surprising considering his family background.

His father, Jim Tansey Sr., played for Everton from 1950 to 1955, and the great Stanley Matthews is quoted as saying that Tansey was one of the best full backs he had played against.

CROATIA CUP

The annual Croatian Cup, to be played this year at the trotting centre complex in Corio, will be contested by 21 clubs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Organiser Ivan Mirkogac says it will be the biggest Croatian Cup yet.

The semi-finals will be next Sunday at 1 pm, followed by the final at 3 pm.

Contestants are the Croatians of Geelong, Melbourne, Launceston, Whyalla, Hobart, Sunnyside (Old), Mt Gambier, Adelaide, Deakin (ACT), and Perth, plus Zagreb Mildura, Dinamo Morell, Zagreb, Melbourne, St Anthony's Gold Coast, St Albans Dinamo, King Tomislav Sydney, Mostar Melbourne, Zagreb Sydney, AR Split, Bosna Sydney and Hajduk Melbourne.

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Eder — superstar with the unlit cigarette

THE World Cup can both make and break football's heroes.

The events of a year ago in Spain 'made' Thomas N'Kono, Paolo Roberto Falcao, Alain Giresse ... and cut back the likes of Hans Krankl, Pierre Littbarski and Luis Arconada.

One man who rode to international fame — and is still happily living there — is named Aleixo de Assis Eder.

The rest of the world knows him simply as Eder; the outside left from Atletico Mineiro. The man reputed to possess the most powerful shot in the world at 109 mph, who scored a goal of both majesty and power against the Soviet Union in Cup next year.

A man who, a year earlier, has made all Wembley sit up thanks to the 'side' he put into a shot against England which swerved beyond Ray Clemence and cannoned away off the top of the crossbar.

The story of Eder is a story of a boy, then a man, who didn't much care about traditional values and traditional behaviour. As a child he missed school on so many days to go out and play in the 'peladas' (improvised games) the streets of Vespasiano, in the state of Minas Gerais, where his mother had moved him out because it invariably ended the day with a beating on their return home. But the fear of punishment was less than his love for football.

Without any major education, but naturally intelligent and well able to judge people correctly, Eder understands exactly why he must be dedicated to his profession. He hardly thinks, contending himself with a couple of beers after a match.

On the orders of the then boss Tele Santana, he stopped smoking three years ago, and now keeps an unlit cigarette in his mouth whenever he feels like smoking.

The discipline and the dedication he has demonstrated with the national team contrasts with his behaviour at Atletico Mineiro. If he doesn't feel like playing, Eder will wait for the ball to fall at his feet. However, when he wants to perform miracles, he appears to have little difficulty in gathering up his talent to try to prove he is probably the best outside-left in the world.

Not very keen, like all his Brazilian colleagues, on aerial play Eder's heading ability does not compare with some British players, for example. He defends in his own fashion, content to 'steal' the ball off the opponent."

He has often been criticised for his aggressive nature on the pitch and nothing has succeeded in modifying his behaviour. Not the sending-offs, not the fines, not the blows he receives (at times in retaliation against his own).

Eder earns around \$6000 a week plus the revenue from publicity contracts. Puma, the sports equipment manufacturer, pay him \$200 per match just to wear his boots.

What does the future hold? A prospective move to the Middle East fell through. Paris Saint-Germain would have liked to buy him last July. But Eder was much too expensive for the wallet of Borelli. Next year, it is now rumoured, Eder will come to Europe to play perhaps for Bayern Munich.

For a long time, he refused to consider leaving Brazil but now he realises that for sake of a secure future he must take advantage of a multi-million transfer, such as those including Falcao and Gerezo (to Roma) and Zico (to Udinese).

How good was the national team's European tour this spring for you?

Eder: Very good, because for the first time, I was able to work with a totally new technical commission. I think Carlos Parreira will make the team play some great football. As for the results: despite two wins and two draws, I agree with the Brazilian fans that we played badly, and must improve. I trust we'll do that.

How:

It's a question of training, of opportunity, like the South American Championship. Thanks to that, we'll have a team well prepared for 1986.

What is the difference between Tole Santana and Carlos Parreira?

Tele is a very human person. He helped me a lot in my career. As for Parreira, it's difficult to make a comparison. He must continue the work started by Tele. But there is the problem of replacing players who left Brazil, like Falcao, Batista, Cerezo. Parreira deserves everyone's patience if he is to rebuild effectively.

During the European tour, Parreira made you play in midfield keeping Joao Paulo, your reserve, on the left wing. What do you think of this combination, did you ever feel under threat?

That number 10 midfield role is a position for which a lot of training is needed. Parreira wants me to run much more, and track back for the ball. I am a forward really and in marking, I am a bit weak. So it's only in playing in this position a lot that I can improve. At my club Atletico Mineiro, I have already played many times in midfield, especially during the club's European tours. I am certain now that this is where my future lies. I feel comfortable in midfield, because I am more in contact with the ball. On the left wing, I don't have as many opportunities. As for Joao Paulo, he is a very fast player, who likes to dribble more than I. We are great friends, but I keep an eye on him because although I consider myself the first choice, he could take the position from me!

Speaking about training, you have been called lazy....

I am not one for training, it's true. But when I need to, I force myself. On tour one plays one match after another, therefore I don't always feel like making an effort. With Atletico, I take advantage of the freedom they allow me. When I want to, I do train and train well.

West Germany's Manni Kaltz celebrated yet another milestone in his honor strewn career by converting a penalty against VFL Bochum during his 400th Bundesliga appearance for Hamburger SV.

It was back in 1971 that Kaltz joined HSV from amateurs TUS Altrip and, although he quickly won and cemented a place in the Hamburgers' starting line up, it wasn't until the second half of the decade that his talents gained much wider attention.

Full international recognition did not come until HSV's West German Cup winning campaign of 1976-77. He had earlier won caps at amateur level (7), youth (2), under 23 (4) and B (3) levels.

The following season saw Hamburg capture the European Cup Winners' Cup with a surprise win over holders Anderlecht in the final, where Kaltz not only subdued the brilliant Dutchman Rob Rensenbrink, but found opportunities to look menacing when moving up the flank.

He was now earning a reputation as one of Europe's foremost attacking right backs, yet West German coach Helmut Schoen had a different role earmarked for him in the 1978 World Cup finals.

Mussula, the former Atletico director, has just taken on the job of coach for the fourth time. What do you think about this change?

Mussula has been with us for a long time, we know him well and he knows our problems. He is a super bloke, and we respect him a lot. Paulinho da Almeida was also a great coach, but Mussula can certainly lead us to victory in the state championship for the sixth time, and in the Brazilian National Cup next year.

On the field, you are very aggressive — and off it too?

I don't like losing, so I get up-tight, sometimes with the referee, but after the match, when it's all over, I never stay angry with anyone ... It's very difficult for me to alter my behaviour, even when I know that I spoil things for Atletico when I am sent off.

Where would you play ideally, if you change clubs?

If I had to choose, I would choose to return to Gremio, in Port Alegre. It's while playing there that I was first selected for Brazil. I arrived as a kid, at 18, and learned a lot in the three years I stayed there.

Are you not tempted by a multi-million transfer like Zico?

Next year, maybe, I will go to Europe. But I would rather stay near my family, in Belo Horizonte.

What do you think about all these transfers to Italy?

I'm not against it. Zico and Falcao deserve to finish their career on a high note.



Aleixo de Assis — known as Eder, born on May 25, 1957, in Vespasiano, Minas Gerais, Brazil. First played for America MG (1972-77) then for Gremio of Porto Alegre and, since 1980 with Atletico Mineiro. He was exchanged for Brazil team-mate Paola Isidoro.



SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

SOCRATES TO QUIT?

There is considerable speculation that Brazilian star Socrates will retire prematurely from the game. Already a qualified doctor, Socrates is studying several aspects of sports injuries with a view to further honours in medicine.

Clever Nevin

Pat Nevin, the former Clyde striker who has played a leading part in Chelsea's revival after joining at the start of the season, is to foot the bill. Nevin, captain of Scotland's youth team of a year ago which won the European Championship, holds a B.A. degree in commerce.

Prison power

A prison soccer side in Dorset which includes men serving life sentences for murder is being allowed to play away matches of 25 miles — so long as the players promise not to escape. The team is named Citadel and has chalked an amazing run of successes in the Dorset League.

Gunner Mark?

Arsenal seems set to buy St Mirren's 24-year-old stopper Mark Fulton for a \$400,000 fee after the Gunners have seen him several times. Fulton has been six years with the Paisley side, is a local and is a Scotland Under-21 cap.

Hurt Horst

The playing career of Standard Liege's brilliant West German star Horst Hubrich is reported to be in serious jeopardy. He was given painkilling injections before his club's first leg European Cup tie at home to Dundee United but was stretchered off with a severe tendon injury and had to have surgery.

Happy Hibs

Scottish Football League fixtures over the festive season will provide Edinburgh's Happy Hibs with an extra gift. On December 27 it plays Rangers at home and four days later on New Years Eve, it meets Celtic, also at Easter Road.



From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Shy Luther?

Luther Blissett, who cost AC Milan \$2 million, is in a desperate plight. The former Watford striker who plays for England, only scored one goal in his first 10 competitive games for his Italian club Blissett, top scorer in the English First Division last season, has been accused by his teammates of not mixing and has taken a lot of stick from the press.

The axe falls

After Jimmy Melia was virtually forced to quit as boss of Brighton and replaced by former Scotland player Chris Kendall, the ace forward's partner of former stars Don Mogen who skippered Sheffield Wednesday to an F.A. Cup Final appearance in 1966, resigned as manager of Bournemouth, while Ron Harris, a Chelsea star for many years, got the chop as player-coach of Brentford.

Mighty Maxwell

Hitting the high spots in the Third Division, Oxford United was saved from extinction with an injection of \$250,000 from millionaire chairman and publisher Robert Maxwell two years ago, still is losing over \$4000 a week — something Maxwell intends to put right.

Maxwell, born in Croydon in 1923 on Jan 18, joined the Royal Artillery at 15 and came to England with allied troops in 1940. He later worked for British Intelligence, the British Army Press and publications of which he was editor. Maxwell won the Military Cross, was Labour MP for Buckingham from 1964 to 1970.

Poor crowds

Top Belgian sides Anderlecht, Standard Liege and Bruges regularly play in front of 20,000 but the others struggle to move into five figures. Most of the problem lies in the geography of the country. Antwerp, Beveren, Lierse, Beerschot, and Lokeren, play there. Antwerp, Beveren, Lierse, Beerschot, and Lokeren play their football within 20 miles of each other, effectively cutting each other's throats.

And because Belgium borders four countries and lies on the continent, a fan can pick up football coverage from France, Holland, West Germany, Luxembourg and England as well as their own programme.

Sir Alf says no

Johan Cruyff, 36, was impressed with Spurs' Glenn Hoddle when the Feyenoord and former Holland star played against him in the Cup-Winners tie at White Hart Lane. But former England boss Sir Alf Ramsay, who led his country to its 1966 World Cup Final win, still is unconvinced about Hoddle and is quoted as saying he is too inconsistent.

5 up for Stein

Jack Stein, the former Celtic defender who later as manager failed to guide it to the European Cup Final win of 1967, now has completed five years as Scotland team boss.

Beer backing

The world famous Carlsberg Lager put up the cash which enabled Denmark's Football Association to recruit former German international Sepp Piontek as national coach. Sepp's contract expires after the finals of the European Championships next summer and having almost taken Denmark to France there could be a big rush for his services.

Nicholas back

Dropped by Wales whom he captained and dumped by Arsenal, Peter Nicholas, who cost the Gunners a big six figure fee three years ago as a 20-year old, has rejoined his former club Crystal Palace where Alan Mullery is in charge.

Great Gomez

F.C. Porto of Portugal's league champion last year, hasn't an all-star side. But it does have one real star in striker Fernando Gomez who hit 36 goals in 36 games last season to win Europe's Golden Boot Award and has been Portugal's top marks man for the past four years.

Fucillo for sale

Now that his American club Tulsa Roughnecks are in financial trouble, former Luton

Town midfield star Lil Fucillo has returned to England to try and sell himself to a Football League side.

Qini still tops

Barcelona and Spain striker Enrique Qini, now 34, is playing as well as ever and has fully got over his sensational kidnapping of around two years ago.

Three left

Of the Italian team which recently beat Greece 3-0 in Bari, only three of the side which last year won the World Cup were in the line-up.

Mighty 'Mitch'

David Mitchell, the Australian international striker, continues to get good press despite the fact his team Glasgow Rangers are struggling and down in the dumps.

Brady to go?

Liam Brady, the former Arsenal star midfielder who gained a league championship medal in each of his two seasons with Juventus before being sold to Sampdoria, may return to British soccer next summer. Brady, a key member of the Republic of Ireland side, who plays alongside Trevor Francis with Sampdoria, is tipped to return to Highbury, Manchester United or Spurs.

Aberdeen

Aberdeen will repeat the arrangements it made when it played Real Madrid in Gothenburg in the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup when it travels to Germany for the first leg of the Super Cup final against Hamburg on November 22. The passenger ship, SS St Clair, has been chartered and a big army of fans will fly over the North Sea.

Cochrane joins

Former Northern Ireland player Terry Cochrane, 30, freed by Malcolm Allison's Middlesbrough, has signed for Third Division Gillingham.

club position for his country, but Schoen's successor, Jupp Derwall, produced a surprise in the Mundial.

The Hamburg player was given a midfield commission and, although never out of depth, rarely appeared comfortable.

Despite being runner-up in Spain, West Germany only occasionally displayed the form of which it was capable and returned home to a less than rapturous reception.

When asked about the apparently strange and differing duties and of the increased responsibilities, Kaltz just shrugged his shoulders and stated: "I am happy to play in whatever position that guarantees me a game. The important thing for me is not so much where I play as merely playing. I've always been a defender who likes to attack and go forward."

HSV never has had any trouble utilising Kaltz's ability to the full and that factor has been instrumental in the last two glorious seasons experienced by the club, in which the Bundesliga title has been won and retained and the Champions' Cup captured with a remarkable victory over Juventus.

Although the 30 year old's international career has suffered a couple of hiccups recently, he is likely to be around for the next World Cup and have the opportunity to make amends for past disappointments.

400 UP FOR THE GREAT KALTZ

By PAUL MOON



Manfred Kaltz

West Germany's Manni Kaltz celebrated yet another milestone in his honor strewn career by converting a penalty against VFL Bochum during his 400th Bundesliga appearance for Hamburger SV.

It was back in 1971 that Kaltz joined HSV from amateurs TUS Altrip and, although he quickly won and cemented a place in the Hamburgers' starting line up, it wasn't until the second half of the decade that his talents gained much wider attention.

Full international recognition did not come until HSV's West German Cup winning campaign of 1976-77. He had earlier won caps at amateur level (7), youth (2), under 23 (4) and B (3) levels.

The following season saw Hamburg capture the European Cup Winners' Cup with a surprise win over holders Anderlecht in the final, where Kaltz not only subdued the brilliant Dutchman Rob Rensenbrink, but found opportunities to look menacing when moving up the flank.

Kaltz, and his countrymen, had only to wait a couple of months before reasserting their authority on the continent.

West Germany was easily the best team throughout the European Championship finals in Italy and its right back one of the outstanding individuals.

It appeared certain that Kaltz was settled into the familiar

Sixth European
Championship, 1978/80

Group One
Denmark 3-3, 0-2,
Ireland-N. Ireland 0-0, 0-1,
Denmark-England 3-4, 0-1,
Denmark-Bulgaria 2-2, 0-3,
Euro-England 1-1, 0-2,
N. Ireland-Bulgaria 1-1, 0-4,
Bulgaria-N. Ireland 0-2, 0-2,
England-N. Ireland 4-0, 6-1,
Bulgaria-Euro 1-0, 0-3,
Bulgaria-England 0-3, 0-2,
Qualified: England

Group Two
Norway-Austria 0-2, 0-4,
Belgium-USSR 1-2, 2-1,
Austria-Scotland 3-2, 1-1,
Portugal-Switzerland 1-2, 0-2,
Scotland-Hungary 2-2, 4-0,
Austria-Portugal 1-2, 2-1,
Portugal-Sweden 1-1, 1-4,
Belgium-Austria 1-1, 0-0,
Norway-Sweden 0-1, 1-3,
Belgium-Scotland 2-0, 3-1,
Qualified: Spain

Group Three
Yugoslavia-Spain 1-2, 1-0,
Romania-Yugoslavia 2-2, 1-2,
Spain-Yugoslavia 2-0, 2-0,
Spain-Cyprus 0-3, 3-1,
Cyprus-Yugoslavia 0-3, 0-5,
Cyprus-Romania 1-1, 0-2,
Qualified: Spain

Group Four
Iceland-Poland 0-2, 0-2,
Holland-Iceland 3-0, 4-0,
E. Germany-Iceland 3-1, 3-0,
Switzerland-Holland 1-3, 0-3,
Hungary-Switzerland 2-0, 2-0,
E. Germany-Poland 2-1, 1-1,
Poland-Holland 2-0, 1-1,
Switzerland-Iceland 2-0, 2-1,
E. Germany-Switzerland 5-2, 2-0,
Qualified: Holland

Group Five
France-Sweden 2-2, 3-1,
Sweden-Czechoslovakia 1-3,
1-4,
Luxembourg-France 1-3, 0-3,
Czechoslovakia-France 2-0, 2-2,
Luxembourg-C. Vakia 0-3, 0-4,
Sweden-Luxembourg 3-0, 1-1,
Qualified: Czechoslovakia

Group Six
Finland-Greece 3-0, 1-8,
Finland-Hungary 2-1, 1-3,
USSR-Greece 2-0, 0-1,
Hungary-USSR 2-2, 2-2,
Greece-Hungary 1-1, 0-0,
Finland-USSR 1-1, 2-2,
Qualified: Greece

Group Seven
Wales-W. Germany 2-0, 2-0,
Wales-Turkey 1-0, 0-1,
Wales-W. Germany 2-0, 1-5,
Malta-W. Germany 0-0, 0-8,
Turkey-Malta 2-1, 2-1,
Turkey-W. Germany 0-0, 0-2,
Qualified: West Germany
Italy, as host, qualified automatically

Final Series

Group One
Czechoslovakia-W. Germany 0-1,
Holland-W. Germany 1-0,
Holland-W. Germany 2-3,
Czechoslovakia-Greece 3-1,
Czechoslovakia-Holland 1-1,
W. Germany-Greece 0-0,
Qualified: W. Germany

Group Two
Belgium-England 1-1
Italy-Spain 0-0
Belgium-Spain 2-1
Italy-England 1-0
England-Spain 2-1
Italy-Belgium 0-0
Qualified: Belgium

Match for Third Place
Italy-Czechoslovakia 1-1
(Czechoslovakia 5-0 on penalties)
Final — Olympic Stadium, Rome
— June 22, 1980 — 65,000

WEST GERMANY — BELGIUM
2-1 (1-0) (Hrubesch, van der Eysken, pen., Hrubesch)

W. GERMANY — Schumacher,
Klein, Koenig (Culmann), Stielike,
Fischer; Schuster, Mueller, Blaebig;
Rummenigge, Hrubesch, Allofs.

BELGIUM — Pfaff, Gerets, Millecamp, Meewis, Rensquin, Coels, van der Eycken, van Moer, Mommens, Van der Elst, Coulemans.

Referee: Rainho (Romania).

Chien Ha

Chien Ha, a 13 year old mid-fielder and one of the first of the 'Boat People' to flee Vietnam and come to Britain a few years ago, has been spotted and taken under the wing of Manchester City and is being coached by City's youth coach Ken Barnes, father of the Watford and England winger, Colin Barnes.

Santillana

The much capped Spanish international striker Carlos Santillana describes football in his country as the toughest and most dangerous in Europe.



The victorious West German side with the European Championship trophy soon after beating Belgium 2-1 in Rome.

Belgium, USSR home,

Italy disappointing

Belgium and the USSR have already booked places in the final series of next year's European Championship.

The Belgians and Soviets have an insurmountable lead in their respective qualifying groups and will join host nation France in the series next June.

Belgium had no extreme difficulty in winning Group One and qualified with a match to go.

After beating Switzerland,

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Scotland and East Germany twice, the Belgians looked a safe bet and clinched their final spot with a 1-1 draw at Hampden.

Last week's win by Poland over Portugal in Wroclaw gave the USSR its passport into France.

The Soviets have sacked several members of the disappointing '82 World Cup Squad but still hang on to the dreading Blokhan, who scored one of the two goals which helped his side to a decisive 2-1 win over Poland.

Holder West Germany also looks like qualifying after overcoming a humiliating loss to Northern Ireland in their own invincible way by scoring goals against Austria and Turkey.

The Germans, as always, wisely choose to play their first group matches away from home and should officially win their group by beating the Irish on home ground.

The biggest disappointment of the competition so far has been world champion Italy.

The Italians started their Group Five programme on

Bad boy tells all

Trouble has dogged Willie Johnston throughout his soccer career. But the little winger claims it's not all been his fault.

Johnston says the Scot FA "looked on me as their very own one-man hooligan element". And he adds: "It became such a regular in my head that I was automatically given a cup of tea with the correct two sugars and a fag while I awaited my summons to the chambers of horrors."

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Hundreds of West German fans made a quick weekend trip to Rome to watch the final against Belgium.

This final clash presented a fascinating battle between two "thinking" soccer sides replicated with players.

On one side we had the favorite West Germany, with a giant striker in Horst Hrubesch, a master schemer in Schuster and an experienced defender in Uli Stielike.

On the other hand we had defensive-minded Belgium but with two fine strikers in van der Elst and Ceulemans, served magnificently by veteran van Moer.

West Germany played much better in the first half and deservedly went into half time with a one-goal lead from a well-struck shot from Hrubesch.

In the second half Belgium came out of its shell and forced the Germans back. Belgium equalized with a penalty kick after Stielike had fouled van der Elst in the penalty area.

But a minute from time Hrubesch capped a remarkable evening for himself by netting West Germany's winner with a header that beat goalkeeper Pfaff.

The Germans were back!

After he had given a urine sample following Scotland's shock defeat by Peru it was discovered that there was a trace of a banned substance... and he was flown home.

Johnston tells the tale that earned him the bad boy label. On the Wing (Arnold Barker, six pounds, ninety five), in which he catalogues his sendings-off in a career that saw him capped at 18 with Rangers and then starring and warring with West Bromwich, Vancouver Whitecaps, back to Rangers and now with Hearts.

A turning point will

come which at the time we probably won't recognise.

But it will put confidence back into the team and I am convinced we will finish this season in mid-table," he said.

With typical honesty, Taylor did not disguise how much his team misses the talents of David sold to Milan for \$1.5 million in the off-season.

"Milan's offer was too good for Luther or ourselves to turn down. That, plus the injuries plus bad results have put us in our current situation," said Taylor.

Hrubesch the hero as Germans storm back in disastrous series

PHILIP MICALLEF concludes his series on the European Championships

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The world took note, why didn't we?

Now that the season is almost over, one has time to reflect on Australia's international standing in the world's soccer community.

I am not sure whether some of our best 1983 results have sunk in deeply enough.

At the World Youth Cup, Australia held host Mexico to a draw — and then went on to beat the European champions Scotland.

Does this mean that we are better than all the Europeans?

Of course not. It merely indicates that on our day we can field a team good enough and competitive enough to match the best, such as Scotland.

This victory, in my book, rates even higher than our 1974 win over England in Sydney. After all, we had a home-ground advantage there.

Even more stunning were the two draws of the Socceroos against England in a three-match series. And, except for a terrible double-error by referee Peter Rampling and his linesmen, it could have been three draws. (Foul by Davidson, ball scooped in beyond the byline).

Let's pause for a moment. Anyone who still claims (like the London Press) that this was an England 'B' team is deluding himself.



By ANDREW DETTRE

Shilton, Osman, Butcher, Gregory, Blissett, Francis, Barnes, Neal and Lee are REGULARS for England nowadays — and that's nine players who were in Australia.

Cowans, but for a broken leg, would have been added to that list, too by now. And that makes it 10.

Does this sound like a 'B' team to you — much the same as the one that beat Hungary 3-0 in Budapest a few weeks ago?

Another dampener used by some critics is that "England was on a holiday here."

Those who saw England's training and the three matches know better: especially after the first draw, in Sydney, England was desperately keen to chalk up some good results.

And none more so than manager Bobby Robson, anxious to prove himself as the new manager.

So let's gratefully accept the fact that Australia is now strong enough to make a match of it with a world power like England.

If all this still doesn't convince you, consider the fact that in recent seasons we have had three former NSL players who have proved their worth with top clubs in Europe.

Heidelberg's Yakkha Banovic kept goal for Derby, Marconi's Eddie Krcicic is playing for Dinamo Zagreb while Sydney Hakoah's David Mitchell is in the first team of Glasgow Rangers.

Not so long ago we would have genuflected upon hearing these sacred club names. The general belief was that their players hail from another, more blessed planet.

Now we have two young players holding their own in the most elite company.

And, let's honestly admit it, few of us really believed, when they set sail from these shores, that they could make it.

Ah, yes, we thought; some of the Japs or even Koreans can make their mark in the European first division — but not our kids. Inbred inferiority complex, I guess.

Now we have some more going off in search of fame and glory; Alan Davidson to Bayern Munich and Arsenal, Tommy McCulloch to Southampton, Robbie Slater to Nottingham.

And, much the same way, quite a few others could also try their luck and succeed: Jim Patikas, Charlie Yannos, David Lowe and Joe Muller have enough talent and skills to grace many well-credentialed European teams.

All this, of course, doesn't make us a world power. Maybe nothing does.

But it proves that we are not quite the same hopeless international backwater we once were — or some of our fans still think we are.

I haven't even mentioned yet Craig Johnston who learned all his soccer in Newcastle and is now starring for the crack Liverpool.

Do imagine an Australian attack for the 1985 World Cup elimination matches which reads: Mitchell, Krcicic, Johnston.

Press picks

Price as SA's best

Croatia striker Gary Price has won the SA branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association's award as Rothmans League Player of the Year for 1983.

Price, 25, won the Luigi's Photo Studios award from Polonia midfielder Jan Kierro.

and Birkdale playmaker Terry Hayes.

Adelaide City sweeper Neil Banfield won the press award as the National Soccer League Player of the Year after earlier winning The Advertiser \$1000 Golden Boots prize.

Banfield defeated West Adelaide defender Robbie Dunn and City captain Bugsy Nyskohus.

Price capped an excellent season for Croatia by netting 14 goals to share the goalscoring honors with Belgrad mid-fielder Dusan Ruzmir.

A former semi-professional with English clubs Eastwood, Heanor and Kimberley, Price joined Croatia from Raleigh Athletic in March.

Now settled in Adelaide with his wife Pauline, daughter Nicola, 19 months, and son Scott, four months, Price missed the latter stages of the league season after suffering a hamstring injury.

"I still have to be a bit careful, but I should be right for the Ampol series," Price said.

Price will receive his award at the soccer writers' dinner tomorrow night.



The Green Gully Ajax team that won the Armstrong Cup for reserves, standing from left: Mario Borg (Senior team manager), Charlie Parnis (official), Joe Camilleri (coach), Tom Campbell, Paul Lewis, Eddie DiGabriele, Ron Kremer, Eddie Gauci, Steve McKenna, Fabio Mancinelli, Eddie Kuzman, Joe Pantaleresco (official), Tadek Kurbasha, Zdravko Krizanic.

Front: Tony Camilleri, Joe Ghirzi, Stef Bozzani, Joe Sant, Richard Lupa, Gerry Maxwell, Frank Ghirzi, Ray Grech, Richard Abdilla (reserves team manager). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

SABIDUSSI OUT FOR ALL 1984

By ROCKY DIZIO

Bruno Sabidussi, the classy Fawkner midfielder, has a leg in plaster from ankle to groin and will be sidelined for the whole of 1984 season.

Bruno suffered a severe knee fracture during the last training session of the season and doctors have told him it will be some eight months before he can resume training. By the time he is fit to play, the 1984 season will just about over.

This is another severe blow to Fawkner, after a similar accident wiped out sweeper Les Goomey for season 1983 (and probably half of 1984).

For Bruno Sabidussi is in another major setback in a career that seemed destined for brilliance but had produced only patchy and inconsistent success.

The son of one of Juventus' all time greats, Giuseppe (Beppi) Sabidussi, Bruno showed immense talents at an

early age and, with older brother Carlo, was spotted by Portuguese talent-scouts and invited to trial for top club Porto in Portugal when he was barely 16.

The two young Melbourne-born brothers spent nearly a year in Porto's junior teams and soon developed into great prospects to prompt the Portuguese club to make an offer for their definite transfer from Juventus.

But the Melbourne club, according to the Sabidussi, was extremely greedy and the deal fell through. Back in Australia Bruno soon made the first team in the State League, in the pre-National League days, and was selected for the Australian Youth Team.

After an engagement with the national youth team Bruno had another setback: he found himself sitting on the bench at Juventus.

When the thrill of being selected for a national team was cancelling out his disappointment and resentment for the missed chance in Portugal, Bruno became again bitter towards his club and could never quite settle in again.

He was openly unhappy but stayed on for a few years, alternating masterly displays (on his day he would win a game single-handed) with long disappointing spells.

Finally, at the beginning of season 1981, he made the big move and joined his brother Carlo at Fawkner, in the metropolitan Second Division.

"I am now convinced that I should continue and thereby support this proposal to ensure its smooth implementation next season," he said.

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Brusasco back

Queensland Soccer Federation president, Ian Brusasco has withdrawn his resignation.

Brusasco resigned after abruptly walking out of the meeting which had narrowly voted to adopt proposals for the restructuring of the major Queensland soccer competition.

Brusasco is chairman of the structure committee.

"I was surrounded by the support given to me by clubs and many others associated with soccer but most importantly my resolve to continue was strengthened by the unanimous support of my committee," Brusasco said.

"I am now convinced that I should continue and thereby support this proposal to ensure its smooth implementation next season," he said.

Hamente back

Rick Hamente, who hung up his boots in 1974, after captaining Polonia Adelaide, is the club's new coach, replacing Stan Cygan who returns to Polonia.

Hamente, as coach of Polonia's youth team, guided the youngsters to a clean sweep of honors in 1982 and retained the championship this year.

Polonia goes down to Hobart select

By Walter Pless

HOBART SELECT XI 5 (Parker 43, Ward, 49, M. Leszczynski 60, Cook 63, Ashwood 84). POLONIA (Vic) 1 (Lakic 47).

A Hobart Select XI produced an excellent display to defeat visiting Victorian State League side, Polonia, 5-1 at Taroona.

Hobart led 1-0 at the break after having dominated the half and then piled on four more goals in the second half to outclass a somewhat depleted Polonia side. At least four regular first-teamers, including Mila McCluskey, Smiljanek and Kryszinski, were missing and the rest of the team had had quite a night at Wrest Point Casino on the eve of the match.

Nothing can be taken away from the Tasmanians, however. They played fine attacking soccer against players of the class of Andy Czaplinski, Janusz Przybyla, Leszek Dzielakowski and Alex Marshall, who were the pick of the visitors. The big striker Marshall, especially, showed great individual skill and at times beat two or three players with ease.

Hobart's own Pole, Andrew Leszczynski, who is probably destined for Brisbane in the next season, showed in only the 5th minute that the locals weren't over-awed when he hit a post with a fierce shot following a good build-up with Pace. Some of Hobart's first-half attacks were, in fact, delightful, involving fine through balls and delicate wall passes.

Lakic occasionally created problems for the Hobart defence on the flanks. His fellow strikers were slow at moving forward, however, and many crosses came to nothing.

Ian Parker, who proved a thorn in the visitors' side, put Hobart in front in the 43rd minute with a first-time volley from Forster's pass.

Polonia equalised within the second half when Czaplinski's perfectly struck long pass turned defence into attack in the twinkling of an eye. The ball found Lakic who raced away from his marker, rounded the keeper and calmly stroked the ball home.

Two minutes later, Parker attempted to do the same to Lukac but the replacement goalkeeper brought him down and conceded a penalty. Bruce Ward's rising shot singed Lukac's fingers before hitting the back of the net to give Hobart the lead again.

Mark Leszczynski, 25, moved directly on the hour put Hobart further in front and Nick Cook and Greg Ashwood made the game safe with goals in the 63rd and 84th minutes, respectively.

The result showed yet again the potential of Tasmanian soccer and confirmed the fact that several local players — Parker, Ward, Forster and Cook, to name just four of the team — could hold their own in respectable mainland sides.

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Con Kiakos (right) receives the Weinstein Medal as Victoria Junior Player of the Year from VSF chairman Mike Weinstein. Kiakos has joined Heidelberg from South Oakleigh

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LA GEOGRAFIA E' IL PROBLEMA DEL MORWELL

Concludiamo la nostra rassegna delle squadre italiane della Lega Statale del 1983 con uno sguardo molto panoramico al Morwell Falcons.

Panoramico perché i problemi del club sono appunto del tipo che si vedono con uno sguardo generale, mentre nei dettagli il sodalizio calcistico della Latrobe Valley funziona con la precisione e la ritmica costanza di un orologio svizzero di grande marca.

E' inutile perciò tornare su argomenti che sono stati trattati da noi e da altri molte volte: l'efficienza del comitato presieduto da Don Di Fabrizio, l'ottima organizzazione delle strutture, l'eccellenza degli impianti, la posizione finanziaria molto favorevole. Queste sono un po' come il marchio indelebile del club e parlarne di nuovo in profondità sarebbe come cercar di dimostrare l'esistenza del sole.

Qui cercheremo invece di analizzare perché il club, con un apparato perfetto e dopo l'ottimo esordio in Lega Statale l'anno scorso, abbia deluso quest'anno nonostante uno sforzo finanziario non inferiore.

Innanzitutto vogliamo sfatare un mito costruito come bole di sapone, quello che l'avvento del Morwell nella Lega Statale sia stato un grande successo per la competizione e per il club. Questo mito fa parte dell'ormai polverizzata politica di decentralizzazione che le varie autorità calcistiche hanno predicato per anni come un dogma poiché non aveva ragioni pratiche di esistere. Mantenere una grande squadra calcistica di grandi dimensioni cosa molto difficile, ed il fatto che il Morwell Falcons ci stia riuscendo piuttosto egregiamente non sminuisce la realtà del problema, ma accentua i meriti del club.

Il problema del Morwell è uno di posizione geografica tutto solo. Un centro che ha una sua "apparenza" di giocatori e deve essere attenti che vivono in un'altra città a due ore di automobile si trova in grave posizione di svantaggio. L'anno scorso il problema non fu tanto evidente perché più giocatori, e l'allenatore, rivedevano Morwell ed erano, in generale, più giovani ed entusiasti per affrontare questa difficoltà che a lungo andare diventa massacrante. L'anno scorso il Morwell finì in un onorevolissimo quarto posto con una squadra mediocre, rispetto a quella di quest'anno, anche perché il campionato statale del 1982 fu di molto inferiore tecnicamente ed agonisticamente a quello di quest'anno.

Il campionato statale 1983, invece, si è improvvisamente infatuato con il definitivo ritorno della Juventus, la grande miglioramento del Croydon, la incredibile costanza del Green

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Gully e l'emergenza di squadra come il George Cross, il Fawkner, il Croydon, il Box Hill e il Northcote che, a turno, hanno dato del filo da torcere a tutti.

Il Morwell, forte dell'ottimo risultato conseguito nel suo anno di matricola, aveva cercato di migliorare ulteriormente il suo comportamento in campo assumendo un allenatore di tutto riguardo, Tony Boggi, e dandogli ampia facoltà di reclutare giocatori di valore. Arrivarono così i McGuinness, i Young, gli Evans e altri. Tuta gente di grande esperienza e di classe, purtroppo, senza l'entusiasmo di giocatori in ascesa che debbono ancora farsi farsi carriera.

Quando le difficoltà si sono accentuate non hanno avuto lo spirito necessario per scommettere con la loro classe. Le facili illusioni dopo lo strabiliante quarto posto dell'anno scorso sono così sfumate. La realtà del problema è stata capita sia da Boggi che dal comitato e si è corsi ai ripari. Lo stesso Boggi suggerì il nome del suo successore dopo aver detto al club che non se la sentiva di continuare il "martirio" per un altro anno. Il 15 novembre, all'anniversario della "Spirale", Jimmy Dunne, il nuovo allenatore, che si stabilirà a Morwell. Tutti i giocatori riconfermati e reclutati dovranno rivedere a Morwell.

In questo modo la squadra si allenerà assieme senza lunghi spostamenti, magari anche e potrà formare come unica omogenea ed affidata e si sentirà parte di quella comunità che rappresenta in campo calcistico. L'unico problema del Morwell è così risolto ed il prossimo anno i "Falcons" riprenderanno il loro volo sicuro verso le massime cime del campionato.

DOCCIA FREDDA PER LA JUVENTUS

La Juventus, da sempre considerata la scelta ovvia per la nuova Lega Nazionale regionalizzata, è stata invece bocciata dalla commissione di

selezione e "rimandata ad ottobre", quando dovrà passare un esame finanziario al microscopio prima di essere promossa. In caso negativo il posto in Lega Nazionale andrebbe sicuramente al Fawkner.

ARRIVEDERCI

Questo è l'ultimo numero di "Soccer Action", e quindi di "Viva Italia", per il 1983. Agli inizi di febbraio sarà messo in vendita una speciale edizione "Annuario" che passerà in rassegna la stagione 1983 e presenterà la nuova, eccitante stagione 1984. Nello stesso periodo riprenderà la pubblicazione settimanale di "Soccer Action", perciò arrivederci allora.

Nel fare il ringraziamento di un anno di collaborazione a questo giornale, debbo congratularmi che non ho fatto molti amici fra i dirigenti dei maggiori club italiani. Pur apprezzando molto l'amicizia, questa considerazione mi fa sentire di aver fatto il mio dovere e quindi mi riempie di soddisfazione. Il compito di un giornalista che specializza in comunicati di sport.

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England will have to rely on Greece to win its way into the finale.

Group Three pace-setter Denmark lost to mediocre Hungary in Budapest. So now Simonson's boys must beat Greece away.

A draw would put Robson's team through, assuming of course, they beat Luxembourg in the tiny municipality.

Yugoslavia still has an outside chance of making it to France after losing its first Group Four match to unfancied Norway.

The Slavs must beat Wales away and Bulgaria at home to topple leader Wales.

Spain needs only a point from its match in Holland to win Group Seven and make up for its World Cup disappointment in 1982.

Spain has a two-point advantage over the Dutch with two matches remaining.

Spain's last match is at home to Malta.

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**Wrzos for
Wolves?**

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— PHILIP NICALLEF

Newcastle down 1-8 and 3-11

Australian National League club, Newcastle United, suffered another big loss when beaten 8-1 by Golden Bay in the final match of the four-team invitation Indoor Tournament, in San Diego, U.S.

Newcastle finished last in

the competition to earn \$10,000 fourth place prizemoney.

The final was won by U.S. indoor champions San Diego Soldiers who beat Swedish indoor champions B. K. Hasken 9-3.

San Diego beat Newcastle 11-3 in the first round after Newcastle held a 2-lead in the first five minutes.

Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser said the Americans had been impressed by the improvement of the Australians in the second match and had invited them to return for the tournament next year.

Newcastle left for Alaska to play two exhibition matches against Los Angeles Lazars before returning to Australia.

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Induce nedelje na Olympic Parku završice se privi eksperiment Nacionalne lige u Australiji, koja nije u potpunosti ispunio nadu i očekivanju ljubitelja fudbalskog sporta. Donekle je krija velike ekonomsko križe, koji je unazadila sve društvene aktivnosti ne samo ovom kontinentu, već u celom svetu. Zavrsetak je bio bitan i začin za pompevajući srećnoj okolnosti sto su u finalu nasla dva grcka kluba. Jedno je sigurno, da će u nedelju 13. novembra na Olympic Parku biti vise gledalaca nego na bilo kojoj međunarodnoj utakmici zadnjih par godina. Ujedno, ovo je poslednji put u Melbourne, kada je sedam godina pre dosegao ni kup ni organizator. Iako je izgubio prvi susret sa 1:0, Heidelberg je ovak uime sansu da spravi fudbalski ugled Melburna.

Prosirena liga dobila je dve Croatia i tri malteska kluba, dok je zbog neslog italijanske zajednice u Melburnu neizvesno pitanje četvrtog kluba "juze konferencije".

Na prvi pogled podela Nacionalne lige na dve "konferencije" izgleda monstruoza, ali praktika može pokazati suprotno.

Najave reorganizacije očekuju sada Fudbalski savez Vojvodine gde će mnogi klubovi iz kulisa ostvariti unapredređena preko nici, koja ne bi mogli godišnja da postignu na zelenom polu.

MALI SVETSKI KUP

U subotu počinje Mali svetski kup na igralistu Knox Cityu i nastavlja se u nedelju 13. novembra, kada se igra drugo finale Nacionalnog kupa na Olympic Parku. Stoga sto organizatori nisu ovome vodili racuna.

Jugoslavija igra prvu utakmicu protiv Fudbalkluba u Melburnu i Grendonu, koji je odigran u subotu u nedelju 5. i 6. novembra. Pobjeda je u svakom pogledu. Otkup je 13 timova (prijavilo se 15), koji su odigrali 12 utakmica za dva dana. Vreme je bilo idealno za igru, a publike mnogo više u nedelji.

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Carlton/Mladost — Tarax 1:0 (0:0). Malozerni veterani zatrepli su sopstvenu mrezu. Sutrije je Borislav Štrbac, a Steve Koviricidis neuspreno je sproveo loptu u svoj gol.

Altona/VOJVODINA — JUST Reserva 2:0 (0:0). "Plavii" su imali visi od igre i bolje sanse da odlaska na odmor. "Crveno-beli" su preuzeли inicijativu u nedelju 13. decembra.

VESTI IZ "PLAVOG" TABORA

Uprava JUST-a dala je odmor vecini igrača prvog tima, ali trener Bobby McLachlan nastavice da radi sa mladim talentima preko celog letog svakog petravka od 6 uveče na igralistu JUST-ili na plazi. Pored JASTovih mladih igrača primace se i ostali talentovani mladići, koji imaju ambiciju i talenat za Nacionalnu reprezentaciju.

Svi igrači prvega tima okupile se ponovo u subotu 3. decembra na "Presentation Dinner Dance", koji će se odigrati u novosagradjenoj modernoj dvorani za prijeme "Biljana", 67 Gamon Street, Seddon. Svi JUST-ovi igrači, koji su igrali u Nacionalnoj ligi, dobiju trofeje. Ovom prilikom bice proglašeni najbolji igrači, dok je najbolji strelac pozvan. To je Jamie Paton sa 11 pogodaka na 15 utakmica.

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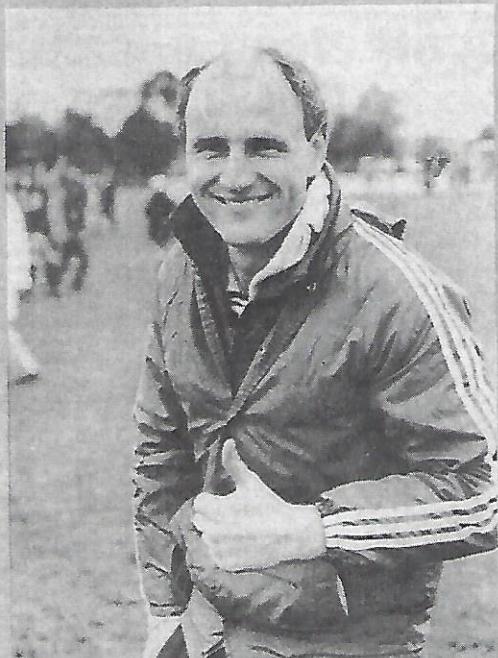
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